

**CONFIDENTIAL**

OCI No. 3141/63

24 October 1963

**VIETNAMESE SUMMARY SUPPLEMENT**  
(Information as of 1000 EDT)

1. Madame Nhu, overnight guest at the Beeville, Texas, ranch of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Dougherty, is to be flown to Austin by her cattleman-oilman host today for a speaking engagement at the University of Texas.

2. Yesterday she arrived from Chicago at Dallas airport for a mixed greeting from three picketing college students and a 15-year-old girl who handed her a bouquet of roses, then went shopping at Nieman-Marcus. The press duly chronicled that the store, featuring Swiss imports this week, could not fill her request for Texas sports shirts, but took in \$160.68 cash for dress shirts for her husband, cosmetics, and four dresses for her four-year-old daughter back home. She also tried to buy an electric rocking horse like the coin-operated ones at supermarkets.

3. She told a brief news conference in Beeville that the State Department order cutting aid to the Vietnamese Special Forces amounted to "betrayal of President Kennedy's word." The UP said she toured the Dougherty ranch but balked at horseback riding, then was guest of honor at a dinner party for 250. An official of a Dougherty-owned company said the millionaire rancher admires Mme. Nhu for her anti-Communism.

4. The college paper of Northwestern University today reported that Mme. Nhu had told a student committee inviting her to lecture at the Evanston campus that the State Department, through the Voice of America, on 24 August had called on Vietnamese troops to rebel against the Diem regime. This, she said, "can only raise great suspicion of the aims of the US Government."

5. The Associated Press last night filed a 1,500-word feature for use in Sunday papers seeking to assess Mme. Nhu's impact on the American public. The article

**CONFIDENTIAL**

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

concluded that it is probably impossible to come much closer to a definitive assessment than the reaction of a Fordham University student: "I had my doubts but she won me over completely--but I still have my doubts."

6. Reporters in Beeville told Mme. Nhu that 50 students at the University of Texas have offered to escort her daughter Le Thuy during their visit. Mme. Nhu, probably aware that her daughter is reported to have gone dancing on a New York date last Thursday, commented: "I would prefer her to go with the fifty rather than the one."

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~